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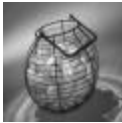
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 5 cents lower on the larger sizes and 4 cents lower on mediums when compared to last Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were unchanged from the previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, usually barely steady to weak. Demand continued light to very good, best where promotions were a factor. Supplies were adequate to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to at least adequate for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Cartoned egg demand good to very good and best where features are in progress. Loose egg movement moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand and offers light as breakers watch market developments. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules mostly full time. Trade sentiment weak.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers. |
|-------------|-------|--------|------------------------------------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 66-75 | 69-72 | |
| LARGE | 65-74 | 67-70 | |
| MEDIUM | 42-51 | 44-47 | |
| | | | RANGE MOSTLY |
| | | | LARGE 47-56 51 |
| | | | MEDIUM 24-30 28 |
| | | | SMALL 7-11 |

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, usually barely steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand was in a full range of light to very good. Supplies were adequate to available for needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for normal to reduced schedules. Light type hens were adequate to at least adequate for for the light to moderate demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 72-86 | 75-79 |
| LARGE | 68-82 | 73-77 |
| MEDIUM | 44-57 | 49-51 |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to weak. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with some spot locations grading overtime schedules. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were light as breakers watch market developments. Floor stocks were adequate to instances ample. Schedules generally full time. Trade sentiment weak.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 75.5-84 | 77-80 |
| LARGE | 74.5-83 | 76-79 |
| MEDIUM | 49.5-58 | 51-54 |

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand into all outlets was light to good. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were sufficient to at least adequate for a light to moderate demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 74.5-82 | 76-79 |
| LARGE | 73-80 | 74-77 |
| MEDIUM | 47.5-55 | 48-52 |

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices declined sharply on all sizes. Extra large and large were 5 cents lower and mediums decreased 4 cents when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was reported as moderate to instances very good. Supplies were fully sufficient trade needs.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 77-81 |
| LARGE | 75-79 |
| MEDIUM | 52-56 |

MIDWEST REGIONAL

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 73-81 | 74-76 |
| LARGE | 71-79 | 72-74 |
| MEDIUM | 48-56 | 49-51 |

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was down 10 percent from last Monday, with California down 9 percent and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 13 percent. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best to cover holiday needs. Offerings were fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. The California inventory was 9% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand was good for Easter. Offerings were fully adequate overall. Small benchmark price 69.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 122 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 118 |
| LARGE | 112 |
| MEDIUM | 89 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | | NORTHERN CALIFORNIA | |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
| | RANGE | | RANGE |
| JUMBO | 279-329 | JUMBO | |
| EXTRA LARGE | 249-309 | EXTRA LARGE | NOT |
| LARGE | 199-259 | LARGE | AVAILABLE |
| MEDIUM | 189-239 | MEDIUM | |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 14, 2006 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 07, 2006 were 345,321 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 296,594 | 48,727 | 345,321 |

| % change from the prior week..... | -1 | +16 | +1 |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----|----|

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Demand and offerings were light as breakers wait for future developments in the carton markets. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment continues weak. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---------|--------|
| BREAKING STOCK | 24.5-27 | 25-27 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 14-20 | 14-16 |
| AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI | | |

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-APR-06

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--|-------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9-15.5 CENTS/LB. | | 11-13 | 12.30 |
| *WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. | | | |

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules was noted as less than normal. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-APR-06

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---|-------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB. | | 12-13 | 12.60 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. | | | |

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL EGG PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2006

| GRADEA | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.88 | 1.85 | 1.76 | 1.17 |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

| GRADEA | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.46 | 1.46 | 1.36 | .77 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- APRIL 10, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| | | Northeast | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 14.7 | 24.8 | 12.5 | 14.8 | 13.9 |
| | Change | 1.8 | -5.1 | 1.4 | -0.6 | -3.4 |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 35.3 | 57.6 | 11.7 | 24.5 | 46.5 |
| | Change | -2.6 | -4.1 | -2.0 | -3.6 | -4.5 |
| Large | Curr Wk | 54.2 | 157.8 | 84.0 | 98.6 | 172.0 |
| | Change | -2.7 | -35.4 | -46.7 | -42.0 | -14.8 |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 11.3 | 43.9 | 14.5 | 17.9 | 34.1 |
| | Change | 1.4 | 1.1 | -0.8 | -3.7 | -2.9 |
| Small | Curr Wk | 2.8 | 8.2 | 1.9 | 4.3 | 12.8 |
| | Change | -3.6 | 1.1 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 5.1 | 29.2 | 9.1 | 12.5 | 3.8 |
| | Change | 2.7 | 0.1 | 0.9 | -1.7 | -0.5 |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 21.6 | 48.5 | 20.9 | 24.8 | 25.1 |
| | Change | -4.0 | -13.3 | -4.0 | -12.8 | -9.7 |
| Total | Curr Wk | 145.0 | 370.0 | 154.6 | 197.4 | 308.2 |
| Percent | Change | -5% | -13% | -25% | -24% | -10% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 1175.2 | -15% | 167 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 254.7 | -1% | 35 |

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|------|-----|
| Total Shell Egg | 1429.9 | -13% | 202 |
|-----------------|--------|------|-----|

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Shell Egg Inventory Prior to Easter

| | Easter Date | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
| | 4/16 | 3/27 | 4/11 | 4/20 |
| Mar 20, 2006 4 weeks prior | 1229.8 | 1236.2 | 1100.6 | 1162.1 |
| Mar 27, 2006 3 weeks prior | 1356.8 | 1298.5 | 1310.4 | 1275.9 |
| Apr 03, 2006 2 weeks prior | 1387.6 | 1329.2 | 1489.3 | 1286.0 |
| Apr 10, 2006 1 week prior | 1175.2 | 1075.0 | 1243.4 | 933.2 |
| Apr 17, 2006 first Mon after | | 847.6 | 843.8 | 676.5 |

(A graph of this data in pdf format can be accessed on the AMS Poultry Market News website at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncls/stats.htm>)

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 7, 2006

| CURRENT LOADS 28.75 | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS 6.00 | | TOTAL LOADS 34.75 | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|--|
| SE | | NE | | MW | | SC | | NW | | SW | | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | |
| GNR W 1 | 46.00 | 49.00 | — | — | 41.00 | 41.50 | 9.00 | GNR W 1 | 31.50 | — | — | — | — | — | 3.00 | |
| GL W J | — | — | — | — | 42.63 | — | 2.00 | GL W J | 47.00 | — | — | — | — | 58.63 | 4.00 | |
| GL W XL | — | — | 52.25 | 55.00 | 35.86 | 40.25 | 6.50 | GL W XL | — | — | — | — | — | 50.00 | 1.00 | |
| GL W LG | — | — | — | — | 40.00 | — | 3.25 | GL W LG | — | 47.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | |
| GL W MD | — | — | 37.00 | 39.00 | 21.00 | — | 5.00 | GL W MD | 31.00 | 39.00 | — | 33.00 | — | 34.00 | 7.00 | |
| GL W SM | — | — | 21.30 | 24.00 | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 23.50 | 26.00 | — | — | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/03/06-04/07/06

| CURRENT LOADS 93.50 | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS 68.00 | | TOTAL LOADS 161.50 | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| SE | | NE | | MW | | SC | | NW | | SW | | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | |
| GNR W 1 | 48.25 | 49.00 | 51.50 | 53.00 | 50.71 | 42.88 | 35.00 | GNR W 1 | 31.50 | 64.50 | — | — | — | — | 5.00 | |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | GNR BR 1 | 66.00 | 42.00 | — | — | — | 61.00 | 3.00 | |
| GL W J | — | — | 67.50 | 69.00 | 46.83 | — | 6.00 | GL W J | 53.00 | — | — | — | 59.00 | 62.43 | 10.50 | |
| GL W XL | — | 58.85 | 56.00 | 57.69 | 39.69 | 40.25 | 41.75 | GL W XL | 44.00 | 50.27 | — | — | — | 57.58 | 10.50 | |
| GL W LG | — | — | 37.00 | — | 39.46 | 42.79 | 14.00 | GL W LG | — | 49.33 | — | 76.50 | — | 56.62 | 8.25 | |
| GL W MD | 44.00 | 37.00 | 37.00 | 35.50 | 26.55 | — | 21.75 | GL W MD | 32.33 | 41.50 | — | 33.00 | — | 37.30 | 13.00 | |
| GL W SM | 23.50 | 25.50 | 21.15 | 24.00 | 16.00 | 18.00 | 4.00 | GL W SM | — | — | — | — | 21.00 | 24.00 | 1.00 | |
| GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | — | — | .75 | GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | — | — | .75 | |
| NRBS - 48 | 23.00 | 24.00 | 23.50 | 26.00 | 24.91 | 28.86 | 83.00 | NRBS - 48 | 23.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 8.00 | |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | — | 29.75 | 8.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | — | — | — | 16.00 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

| ON HAND | 04/03/06 | 03/27/06 | 04/04/05 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 72 | 73 | 320 |
| LOS ANGELES | 67 | 73 | 311 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are fully adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 87.64 |
| LARGE | 86.25 |
| MEDIUM | 62.25 |
| SMALL | 48.00 |

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Extra Large doz. | 222 – 261 | 239 - 240 |
| 1/2 doz. | 120 – 151 | 130 - 134 |
| Large doz. | 217 – 250 | 225 - 230 |
| 1/2 doz. | 115 – 142 | 125 - 128 |

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